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- 25X1 1. Besides tractors, aircraft and tank engines were also manufactured in the tractor plant about six miles southeast of MINOK, White Russian SSR (27°34' E/53°54' N). Production of aircraft engines was still in an experimental stage, so that no statements as to rate of production can be made.

March 1946

- 25X1 2. Machinery dismantled at the DUCSAU Junkers Plant, the BRESLAU Linke-Hoffmann Plant, and the BERLIN Fritz Herder Plant was unloaded at the tractor plant. About 40 percent of the machinery had become unserviceable while en route to the Soviet Union.

June 1948

- 25X1 3. The many aircraft engines stored at the plant, allegedly German, were particularly noteworthy. German engineers and other technical personnel worked in the new office buildings.

December 1948

- 25X1 4. Besides tractors, aircraft and tank engines were also manufactured in the tractor plant.
- 25X1 5. The aircraft engines were in-line engines, and were shipped to KAZAN.

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August 1947 to December 1948

6. The tractor plant was still under construction and being expanded toward the east and south. An airfield was east of the plant.
7. Production
 - a. Tractors
 - b. Aircraft engines
 - c. Radio sets for aircraft and tanks
 - d. The airframe parts were delivered by rail from plants in MINSK, assembled in the eastern section of the plant, and fitted with engines manufactured in the plant. The finished planes were flight-tested at the factory field.

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Comment:

First report on the production of aircraft engines in MINSK. A tractor and tank plant was built in MINSK after the war and a radio plant is also located there. When the production of tractors was started, the engines were delivered from a YANOSLAVL plant, but later they were built in the plant. Tank engines were possibly mistaken for aircraft engines, but it is also possible that an air armament plant has meanwhile been set up in MINSK. The following is concluded from other reports concerning the transfer of dismantled German equipment:

a. The Diesel Vehicle Motors Section of the Junkers Plant, including the steel workshops, has been shipped to MINSK. Unloading of dismantled German equipment in MINSK was confirmed by German PW reports.

b. The obsolescent aircraft engines stored at the HALLE SIEDEL firm and used for the Liebel ferries apparently were also shipped to MINSK.

c. Captured Focke-Wulff engines, designated BMW-801, allegedly were unloaded with aircraft parts in MINSK. Interrogated PW stated that this equipment was allowed to rot in the open. It is assumed from all available information that these engines not only were stripped for further utilization, but that repair of aircraft engines, and later even production of such engines, may also be scheduled for the tractor plant.

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